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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER MEETS PROTUGESE LEADERS

ON JUNE 2, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL TOLD DCM THAT PRIME MINISTER THORN HAD MODIFIED SOMEWHAT HIS VIEW OF PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS AFTER MEETING PRIVATELY WITH GONCALVES AND COUTINHO IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK. THORN FOUND THE PROTUGESE LEADERS LESS COMMUNIST-INFLUENCED THAN AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS HAD LED HIM TO BELIEVE. GONCALVES AND COUTINHO STRUCK THORN AS IDEOLOGICAL LEFTISTS BUT WARY OF THE PCP AND SOVIET COMMUNISM. COUTINHO SAID THAT THE AFM WAS COMMITTED TO "SOCIALISM" BUT HAD NOT YET FOUND THE "RIGHT PATH." THORN ALSO FOUND THEM VERY NAIVE ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN A GOVERNMENT AND MANAGE AN ECONOMY IN A MODERN EUROPEAN NATION STATE. THE PORTUGUESE LEADERS' LACK OF COMPETENCE IN AFFAIRS OF DAILY STATECRAFT ALSO TROUBLED THORN. GONCALVES DID IMPRESS THORN WITH AN IMPASSIONED OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NATO ALTHOUGH WURTH ACKNOWLEDGED VALIDITY OF DCM'S ARGUMENT THAT PROFESSION OF LOYALTY TO NATO WAS OF LITTLE VALUE IN ITSELF IF PORTUGUESE HIERARCHY IS INCREASINGLY PENETRATED BY OFFICIALS SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND WILLING TO PASS ON NATO-RELATED INFORMATION TO SOVIET CONTACTS. WURTH ADDED THAT THORN WOULD CERTAINLY HARDEN HIS AT-  
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TITUDE ON PORTUGAL IF AFM DISREGARDED FREE ELECTION RESULTS AND INSTITUTED LEFT-LEANING MILITARY DICTATOR-

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